SMART CARD STARTER KIT FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES

Last year GSA awarded a major Smart Card contract to five winning vendors. The contract was first of its kind to provide a means for Federal agencies to procure interoperable smart card solutions that could be tailored to agencies specific needs.

The response to GSA's contract award and overall smart card program efforts has been extremely favorable. Many agencies have expressed a strong interested in using smart cards; however, many have also been unable or reluctant to begin programs due to the fear of large up front commitments or budget constraints.

To assist those agencies, GSA is announcing a special opportunity to try out smart card programs at a SPECIAL LOW INTRODUCTORY PRICE. GSA's Center for Smart Card Solutions has teamed with the five winning vendors on Smart Card contract (EDS, KPMG, Logicon, Maximus and PRC) to develop a smart card starter kit. The starter kit is designed to assist agencies as they begin to realize the benefits of smart card technology without a large, initial investment. It will permit them to begin developing their requirements for smart card applications while they are becoming familiar with the merits of smart card technology.

The goal of the starter kit is to allow agencies to sample solutions in:

- Logical Access
- Physical Access
- Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)
- Biometrics
- Other Optional applications

The smart card starter kit will provide agencies with technical expertise and services from GSA's smart card team along with program consulting services, hardware, and application software from the five winning vendors. Each of the five vendors is a major smart card integrator that is pre-qualified to compete for task orders written under the GSA Smart Card contract.

The kit will help agencies begin the evaluation phase of the prime contractors in a lab type environment. It will help them develop a funding profile for your agency's program and assist in the development of intra-agency policy statements.

This combination of products and services will equip agencies with enough information to determine their baseline smart card requirements. The GSA starter kit has two contract options:

- Option 1: \$50,000 this option provides GSA consulting and a limited services engagement of all five prime contractors.
- Option 2: \$99,999.99 this option incorporates the consulting and services of option one with a 30 day evaluation period of "lab level stand-alone" solutions for two workstations that includes cards, readers, and applications. The primes will support this evaluation for a period of 30 days within the funding constraints of the contract. Additional services are available at contract-negotiated rates.

For more information please contact GSA's Center for Smart Card Solutions at 202.208.3055 or email at: smartcardteam.gsa.gov. GSA will contact all the primes and coordinate the statement of work and deliverables.

Thank you.